

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A central unit for formatting and preparing numbers for display comprising:

 a microphone port adapted to receive spoken voice information from a microphone;

 a display port adapted to interact with a display device;

 wherein the central unit receives spoken voice information from the microphone port and

 determines if the spoken voice information includes numbers;

 if numbers are received, determines if the numbers include a telephone number or a non-telephone number;

 if a telephone number is received, prepares the telephone number for display using a predetermined telephone number format including at least one separation character;

 wherein if the numbers include a non-telephone number, prepares the non-telephone number for display using a predetermined non-telephone number format including at least one separation character, the predetermined non-telephone number format is different from the predetermined telephone number format;

wherein the spoken voice information includes groups of numbers and pauses separating the groups of numbers, and wherein the central unit converts

the spoken voice information into a string of machine readable characters, and wherein the central unit places a separation character in a location corresponding to a pause; and

the spoken voice information includes a string of numbers and at least one word command if the spoken voice information is a telephone number, wherein the at least one word command assists in preparing the telephone number for display by indicating the location of the at least one separation character.

2. (previously presented) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the separation character is selected from the group consisting of a dash, an underline, a period, and a space.

3. (original) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the central unit detects an actuation of a talk button and uses the actuation to insert a separation character.

4. (previously presented) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the central unit detects at least one pause in the spoken voice information.

5. (original) The central unit according to claim 4, wherein the central unit inserts a separator character in a location corresponding to the pause.

6. (original) The central unit according to claim 4, wherein the pause is determined if a period of relative silence equals or exceeds a preset duration or if the word command indicates the pause.

7. (currently amended) The central unit according to claim 1, determines that the spoken voice includes a telephone number if seven digits are provided wherein the spoken voice information includes groups of numbers and pauses separating the groups of numbers, and wherein the central unit converts the spoken voice information into a string of machine readable characters, and wherein the central unit places a separation character in a location corresponding to a pause.

8. (previously presented) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the telephone number is prepared for display using a predetermined telephone number format and any pause is disregarded.

9. (previously presented) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein a non-telephone number is prepared for display using a predetermined non-telephone number format including at least one separation character, wherein the location of the at least one separation character is indicated by a word command in the spoken voice information, and wherein the formatted non-telephone number is sent to the display port.

10. (currently amended) A method of formatting and preparing numbers for display comprising the steps of:

receiving voice information from a microphone port;

determining if the voice information includes words or a number string including a plurality of unformatted digits;

determining if the number string includes a telephone number;

if the number string includes a telephone number, then preparing the number string for display by dividing and separating the digits of the number string into at least two groups to produce a formatted telephone number;

if the number string does not include a telephone number, then preparing the number string for display by dividing and separating the digits of the number string into at least two groups to produce a formatted non-telephone number; ~~and~~

wherein the formatted telephone number is grouped differently than the formatted non-telephone number; and

wherein the voice information includes groups of numbers and pauses separating the groups of numbers, and wherein the central unit converts the voice information into a string of machine readable characters, and wherein the central unit places a separation character in a location corresponding to a pause.

11. (original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving information from a talk button and using the information to insert a separation character.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of detecting at least one pause in the voice information, wherein the pause indicates the position of a separator character in a selected format.

13. (previously presented) The central unit according to claim 12, wherein the separator character is inserted in a location corresponding to the pause to prepare the number string for display.

14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the information received from the talk button is a press and release event 40, ~~wherein the voice information includes groups of numbers and pauses separating the groups of numbers, and wherein the central unit converts the voice information into a string of machine-readable characters, and wherein the central unit places a separation character in a location corresponding to a pause.~~

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the telephone number is prepared for display by dividing and separating the digits of the number string using a predetermined telephone number format and any pause in the number string is disregarded.

16. (currently amended) A motor vehicle comprising:

- a chassis,
- at least one wheel adapted to contact a driving surface;
- an interior comprising a steering wheel, a dashboard and a driver's seat;
- a hands free telephone (HFT) system comprising a microphone disposed in a headliner, at least one HFT control disposed on the steering wheel, and a display,

- wherein the HFT system receives a dictated string of voice information, prepares the voice information for display by dividing and separating the voice information into at least two groups and displays the voice information,

- wherein the HFT system divides and separates a first type of information into a first set of groups and divides and separates a second type of information into a second set of groups, the first set of groups being different from the second set of groups; ~~and~~

- wherein the voice information includes a string of numbers and at least one word command, wherein the at least one word command assists in preparing the voice information for display by indicating a point of separation in one of the first set of groups or the second set of groups; and

- wherein the HFT system uses a pause in the string of voice information for the second set of groups and inserts a separation character in a location corresponding to the pause; and

- wherein the pause is determined if a period of relative silence equals or exceeds a preset duration or if the word command indicates the pause.

17. (original) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the first type of information is a telephone number.

18. (previously presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the HFT system is capable of detecting pauses in the string of voice information.

19. (currently amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the ~~the pause is determined if a period of relative silence equals or exceeds a preset duration or if the word command indicates the pause~~ HFT system records the string of numbers, and wherein the HFT system includes a talk back feature, wherein the talk back feature plays back the number string with pauses during an audible play back corresponding to the location of the separation character.

20. (original) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the HFT system displays formatted information.